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LOS ANGELES, APRIL 9 (AP)-THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IS "TRYING TO PREVENT THE BREAKDOWN OF MORALITY," ITS FOUNDER SAID TONIGHT.

ROBERT WELCH OF BELMONT, MASS., SAID ALSO THE CONTROVERSIAL ORGANIZATION OPPOSES "THE DISEASE OF COLLECTIVISM... WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE COMMUNISTS FIRST. OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO EDUCATE OUR NEIGHBORS AND FELLOW CITIZENS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING."

WELCH WAS INTERVIEWED BY DR. JAMES W. FIFIELD JR., MINISTER OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE LATTER'S WEEKLY LOCAL TELEVISION PROGRAM. WELCH ARRIVED YESTERDAY FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

FIFIELD SAID IN INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, "IT SEEMS TO ME WE'VE COME TO THE UNMASKING HOUR. THE AREA OF INDECISION IS BEING SWEPT OUT. TOWERING HIGH, IN MY JUDGMENT, IS MR. ROBERT WELCH."

THE PASTOR ASKED WELCH IF THE SOCIETY IS "SEMI-SECRET."

"IT IS NOT SEMI-SECRET IN ANY WAY," SAID THE 61-YEAR-OLD RETIRED CANDY MANUFACTURER. "WE DON'T TELL HOW MANY MEMBERS WE HAVE, AND WE'LL NOT TELL THE NAMES OF OUR MEMBERS. EXCEPT FOR THOSE TWO THINGS THERE ARE NO SECRETS ABOUT THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY."

THE ORGANIZATION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE?

"GETTING TOGETHER SUCH A WONDERFUL BODY OF PATRIOTIC MEN AND WOMEN," WELCH REPLIED. THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, HE SAID, "I THINK WE'VE DONE QUITE A GOOD DEAL TO WAKE UP MORE PEOPLE."

ASKED "WHETHER THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY COULD HAVE MADE PROGRESS WITHOUT THE UNKNOWING CONNIVANCE OF PEOPLE HIGH IN GOVERNMENT," WELCH SAID:

"I DON'T THINK SO. CERTAINLY THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONNIVANCE WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT."

FIFIELD CLOSED THE PROGRAM BY EXPRESSING TO WELCH "A REAFFIRMATION OF MY CONFIDENCE IN YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL" AND SAID:

"I PREDICT THAT THE PRESENT HYSTERIA ABOUT THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WILL RESULT IN A MILLION MEMBERS FOR YOUR SOCIETY... GOD BLESS YOU..."

SOME CONGRESSMEN HAVE CALLED FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE INTENSELY CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY. ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY SAID LAST WEEK HE THINKS THE SOCIETY IS RIDICULOUS. SPEAKING OF ITS MEMBERS, HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE:

"I THINK THEY MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION . . . TO THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN FACT I THINK IF ANYTHING THEY ARE A HINDRANCE."

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PARIS, APRIL 9 (AP)-DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID TONIGHT THERE ARE GROWING INDICATIONS THAT DIRK STIKKER, FORMER DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, MAY BE APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO). (AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES AT THE HAGUE SAID STIKKER'S APPOINTMENT IS NOW A CERTAINTY.)

HOWEVER, SOURCES HERE STRESSED THAT NO OFFICIAL ACTION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TO BELGIUM'S PAUL-HENRI SPAAK, WHO RESIGNED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO RE-ENTER POLITICS.

PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION TO STIKKER HAS COME FROM THE FRENCH. SOURCES SAID THAT WHILE THE FRENCH STILL REMAIN COOL TOWARD STIKKER'S POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT, THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT HIM.

STIKKER, 64, IS THE DUTCH PERMANENT NATO REPRESENTATIVE.

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BONN, GERMANY, APRIL 9 (AP)-DEAN ACHESON, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SPECIAL ADVISER ON NATO AFFAIRS, MET CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER TODAY FOR A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIANCE.

"WE HAD VERY GOOD AND THOROUGH TALKS," ACHESON SAID BEFORE DEPARTING. WE DISCUSSED A GREAT MANY POINTS AND THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ABOUT NATO THAT WE DID NOT DISCUSS."

THE FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN WAS ASKED WHETHER HE AND ADENAUER DISCUSSED THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE NATO A FOURTH NUCLEAR POWER, AND HE REPLIED HE COULD NOT MAKE PUBLIC THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FIVE HOURS OF TALKS. THE GERMANS ARE IN FAVOR OF THE FOURTH NUCLEAR POWER IDEA.

REPORTERS ASKED ACHESON WHETHER THERE WAS COMPLETE AGREEMENT DURING THE TALKS,

"THE CHANCELLOR AND I THINK ALIKE ON ALMOST ALL MATTERS," HE REPLIED.

BEFORE LEAVING, ACHESON JOINED ADENAUER, 85, FOR A 45-MINUTE GAME OF BOCCI, THE ITALIAN GAME OF LAWN BOWLING. NEITHER SIDE ANNOUNCED WHO WON THE CHANCELLOR'S FAVORITE GAME.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID ACHESON, WHO WENT TO HOLLAND ON LEGAL BUSINESS, WAS INVITED TO BONN BY ADENAUER WHO WANTED TO HEAR FRESH WASHINGTON VIEWS ON NATO POLICY BEFORE GOING TO THE UNITED STATES AND HIS FIRST MEETING WITH KENNEDY, THIS WEEK.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. APRIL 9 (AP)-THE NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ROBERT E. LEE TODAY TIED UP NEXT TO A SISTER SHIP, THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT, MARKING THE FIRST TIME TWO POLARIS-FIRING SUBS HAVE BEEN DOCKED HERE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE LEE ARRIVED FOR A SERIES OF UNDERWATER POLARIS LAUNCHES BEFORE HEADING FOR COMBAT PATROL WITH A LOAD OF 16 OF THE DEADLY NUCLEAR-ARMED ROCKETS. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON AND PATRICK HENRY ALREADY ARE ON STATION.

ON AN EARLIER VISIT HERE, THE LEE FIRED THREE MISSILES, BUT ONLY ONE WAS SUCCESSFUL. THE NAVY DECIDED TO RETURN THE 380-FOOT CRAFT FOR FURTHER FIRINGS.

THE ROOSEVELT, MEANWHILE, IS READY TO LEAVE AFTER LAUNCHING FOUR POLARISES, TWO OF THEM SUCCESSFUL. ON MARCH 23 THE SUB LAUNCHED A ONE-DAY RECORD OF THREE MISSILES FROM BENEATH THE WAVES. ONE WAS SUCCESSFUL; THE OTHER TWO WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND WERE DELIBERATELY DESTROYED.

THE ROOSEVELT UNLEASHED ITS FOURTH ROCKET LAST THURSDAY. IT SUCCESSFULLY TRAVELED A MORE THAN 1,200-MILE COURSE. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON EARLIER REGISTERED THREE SUCCESSES IN FOUR LAUNCHINGS, AND THE PATRICK HENRY SCORED WITH FIVE OF EIGHT.

BEFORE THE ROOSEVELT LEAVES, IT WILL BE TURNED INTO AN EXCURSION SHIP FOR TWO DAYS, HAULING NEWSMEN, CONGRESSMEN AND NAVY GUESTS TO SEA FOR HALF-DAY SUBMERGED TRIPS.

A GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN WILL TAKE THE RIDE TOMORROW MORNING, WITH ABOUT 25 NEWSMEN BOOKED FOR THE AFTERNOON. ON TUESDAY, THE SHIP WILL HOST A DELEGATION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND NAVY OFFICIALS AND THEIR GUESTS.

THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INCLUDES SENS. BENJAMIN SMITH (D-MASS); STEPHEN YOUNG (D-OHIO); AND FRANK CHURCH (D-IDAHO); AND REPS. ALEXANDER PIRNIE (R-NY); DANIEL BREWSTER (D-MD); VICTOR WICKERSHAM (D-OKLA); STANLEY TUPPER (R-MAINE); WALTER MCVEY (R-KAN); KENNETH GRAY (D-ILL), AND CHARLES GUBSER (R-CALIF).

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ADVANCE FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10--NOTE DATE
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AIR CAVALRY

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BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, APRIL 9 (AP)-THE ARMY'S EFFORTS TO CREATE AN AIR CAVALRY--TO DO WITH HELICOPTERS WHAT HORSE SOLDIERS DID IN THE CIVIL WAR--HAVE GAINED NEW IMPETUS FROM THE INCREASED STRESS ON MEANS TO WAGE LIMITED OR GUERRILLA WARFARE.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR AN ADDITIONAL $230 MILLION TO BUY MORE EQUIPMENT AND NON-NUCLEAR ARMS TO BUTTRESS U. S. READINESS IN THIS FIELD.

PART OF THIS $230 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT FOR SOME 60 MORE ARMY HELICOPTERS--IN ADDITION TO ABOUT 200 PROVIDED UNDER THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION'S FINAL MILITARY BUDGET ON WHICH KENNEDY'S PROPOSALS ARE BUILT.

THE ARMY HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH THE AIR CAVALRY CONCEPT SINCE 1954. ONLY RECENTLY HAS IT SETTLED ON THE MAKEUP OF A BASIC UNIT, A 150-MAN TROOP OR COMPANY EQUIPPED WITH 27 RECONNAISSANCE AND TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS.

ONE SUCH COMPANY HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. A SECOND IS EXPECTED TO BE CREATED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

AT THIS STAGE, THE ARMY IS TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW THE AIR CAVALRY UNIT WOULD BE FITTED INTO THE FIGHTING ORGANIZATION--AS A SEPARATE COMPANY IN A DIVISION, AS A TROOP IN AN ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT OR A RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, OR IN SOME OTHER FASHION.

AS THE ARMY CONCEIVES IT, AN AIR CAVALRY UNIT WOULD PERFORM THE KIND OF SERVICE THAT MOUNTED CAVALRYMEN DID IN THE LAST CENTURY, AND TANKS HANDLED IN WORLD WAR II.

IT COULD SCOUT AHEAD OF MOVING COLUMNS, RECONNOITER THE FLANKS, SEEK OUT TARGETS FOR ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS, SPRING RAIDS BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

IF, FOR EXAMPLE, SCOUT TANKS WERE STOPPED BY OBSTACLES, HELICOPTERS COULD VAULT AHEAD AND FIND OUT ABOUT ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND POSITIONS.

OR IF THE ENEMY WAS BELIEVED HIDING IN SOME BUILDINGS OR CLUMPS OF TREES, HELICOPTERS COULD COME DOWN CLOSE AND FIRE A FEW BURSTS INTO THE SUSPECTED AREA.

TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO GROUND FIRE, HELICOPTERS WOULD HUG THE CONTOURS OF THE EARTH. HOVERING A LITTLE ABOVE TREE-TOP HEIGHT, THEY COULD DROP DOWN INTO PROTECTIVE COVER OF HILLS.

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THE ARMY SEES THIS TYPE OF UNIT AS IDEALLY ADAPTED TO A NUCLEAR WAR BATTLEFIELD ON WHICH UNITS WOULD BE WIDELY SPACED.

AS FOR HIT-AND-RUN GUERRILLA WAR, ARMY OFFICIALS SAY THE HELICOPTER WOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY SMALL ASSAULT UNITS INTO JUNGLE AREAS AND EITHER LAND THEM IN TINY CLEARINGS OR LOWER THEM BY ROPE TO THE GROUND.

DEVELOPMENT TOWARD AN AIR CAVALRY FORCE IN BEING HAS BEEN SLOW. BUT OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW EMPHASIS ON LIMITED-GUERRILLA WARFARE CAPABILITY HAS ADDED URGENCY TO THE ARMY'S LOOK AT ITS PLANS.

THERE IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF SUCH UNITS ON A LARGE SCALE, BUT THE ARMY IS KEEPING IT SECRET. SUCH DEPLOYMENT DEPENDS LARGELY ON HOW FAST THE NECESSARY HELICOPTERS CAN BE ACQUIRED AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER FOR THE UNITS. AS THINGS STAND NOW, TO CREATE AN AIR CAVALRY UNIT THE ARMY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE MEN AWAY FROM SOME OTHER FORMATIONS.

ALSO, THE ARMY--WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH USING ARMS DEVELOPED FOR OTHER MISSIONS--IS TRYING TO FASHION A WEAPONS SYSTEM SPECIALLY TAILORED TO A COMBAT HELICOPTER FORCE.

AS NOW PROJECTED, AN AIR CAVALRY COMPANY WOULD HAVE SCOUT, WEAPONS AND INFANTRY PLATOONS, ALONG WITH SUPPLY AND CASUALTY EVACUATION ELEMENTS. THE COMMANDER PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HIS OWN HELICOPTER.

THE AIR CAVALRY WOULD BE BUILT AROUND A UTILITY-TACTICAL TRANSPORT TYPE HELICOPTER DESIGNATED THE HU1.

THIS TURBINE-POWERED CHOPPER IS THE FIRST SPECIALLY MADE TO FIT ARMY SPECIFICATIONS. IT HAS A LOW SILHOUETTE AND IS CONSTRUCTED FOR EASY MAINTENANCE IN THE FIELD. THE EARLY MODEL WEIGHS ABOUT 6,000 POUNDS. ON THE WAY IS A MORE POWERFUL VERSION WEIGHING ABOUT 8,000 POUNDS.

THE PER-UNIT PRICE OF MILITARY MODELS OF THE HU1 WAS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT A COMMERCIAL TYPE IS BEING SOLD FOR ABOUT $200,000.

STILL LATER VERSIONS WILL INCLUDE A MODEL DESIGNED TO CARRY 11 SOLDIERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.

FOR ANTI-TANK WORK, THE ARMY HAS FITTED THE HU1 WITH A FRENCH-MADE MISSILE DESCRIBED AS HAVING A "DEMONSTRATED HIGH KILL PROBABILITY."

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